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QUEER TURN GIVEN LIQUOR PROSECUTIONS

WILL BE BIGGER MINES THAN PREMIER IN STEWART DISTRICT SAYS ROLSTON

Sensation Develops in Liquor Infraction Trial in Magistrate's Court

Adjournment taken for week to bring Inspector Miller Here and Attorney General also is coming

Sensation developed in the trial of the Consolidated Exporters Corporation Ltd. on charges of violation of the Government Liquor Act when the defence yesterday afternoon demanded an adjournment for one week so that it might place George Miller, chief inspector of the Liquor Control Board, on the stand to testify that irregularities in connection with the recording of liquor exports from the defendant's warehouse had been committed with his knowledge and approval. Heated debate waxed between Milton Gonzales, counsel for the defence, and L. W. Patmore, crown prosecutor. The latter suggested that Inspector Miller had connived with the Consolidated Exporters Corporation to aid it with its defence and declared that Mr. Gonzales was attempting to work the government and the liquor board in every way possible in order to stop the prosecutions. Mr. Patmore also observed that the attorney general was expected in the city next Wednesday and that it would give him pleasure to invite him to be present at the trial in order to hear the cross-examination of Mr. Miller. The request of the defence for one week's adjournment was granted. In the course of his debate with Mr. Patmore, Mr. Gonzales announced that the first case in which the Consolidated Exporters Corporation had been convicted of illegally selling liquor and fined \$2,500 would be appealed.

BUTTER FROM AUSTRALIA IS BEING LANDED

Fifteen Thousand Cases From That Country and Five From New Zealand

VANCOUVER, Feb. 5.—The Canadian Australia liner Niagara docked early today bringing the first shipment consigned to Canada of Australian butter as a result of the Canadian trade treaty. The ship has 15,000 cases of the Australian product, and 5,000 from New Zealand. Of this 2,000 cases is being landed at Victoria but the bulk of the Australian butter is destined for Toronto.

HAIR TONIC CAUSES DEATH

U.S. Soldiers at Honolulu Poisoned; Two go Blind Before Death

HONOLULU, Feb. 5.—Six enlisted men of the United States army are dead and sixteen in the hospital at Schofield barracks today as a consequence of drinking hair tonic.

HONOLULU, Feb. 5 (later).—"French perfume" is believed to have caused the death of the six privates and the serious poisoning of three others at Schofield barracks yesterday. Two of the victims went blind before death.

The military authorities have seized every conceivable form of toilet lotion in an effort to find the exact source of the canteen "hair tonic."

CAPTAIN CULLINGTON DIED AFTER GIVING EVIDENCE IN COURT

VANCOUVER, Feb. 5.—Captain Stanley Cullington, 53 years of age, a retired master mariner, died suddenly of heart attack in court late yesterday after giving evidence in a marine case. He was born in England and was at one time port warden here.

MINER KILLED.

NANAIMO, Feb. 5.—John Gray, aged 69, was killed in a cave-in in the Reserve Mine Thursday evening.

STEVENS HELD UP THE WORK AT DRYDOCK

Questions Asked by Him in Parliament at Ottawa Led to Stoppage of Work Here

The delay in the conversion of the ships of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine from coal to oil burners at the drydock plant here seems to have resulted from questions asked in the House of Commons last week by H. H. Stevens of Vancouver as follows:

1.—Is the Government aware that the Canadian Government Merchant Marine have ordered the conversion of four ships operating on the Pacific coast into oil burners?

2.—In authorizing or approving of the abandonment of coal as fuel for these ships has the Government taken into consideration the injury to the Vancouver Island coal industry?

3.—Has the Government or the Canadian Government Merchant Marine any assurance that fuel oil prices will not advance in the future. If so, in such assurance in the form of definite contracts?

4.—From whom and at what price is the fuel oil purchased for the use of the Canadian Government Merchant ships operating on the Pacific coast?

5.—In accordance with the pledge given by Mr. King that the "coal industry of the Pacific coast would be investigated and careful consideration given to its claims," has any such investigation been made? If so, when was the report made, and by whom?



CHAMPIONS BOB

Cardinal Dubois of Paris, who, in a recent statement, approves of the bobbed hair and short skirts adopted by women of the present generation. He says a woman's virtue has never depended upon the length of her hair.

BIG MAJORITY FOR GOVERNMENT IN BRITISH COMMONS

LONDON, Feb. 5.—The House of Commons today voted confidence in the Government's unemployment dole policy, defeating the labor amendment to the address in reply to the King's speech by a vote of 229 to 112.

The dole system is likely to be discontinued another year.

MANY JAPANESE ARE AFFECTED BY ORDER

Estimated at Between 400 and 500 Will be Ousted From Fisheries

VICTORIA, Feb. 5.—Between 400 and 500 Japanese formerly employed in the fishing industry of British Columbia will be forced out of this business during the present year as a result of the latest reduction in Oriental fishing licenses ordered by the Federal Government. This estimate of the number of Orientals affected by the exclusion policy was made by officials of the Federal Government on this coast.

Most of the Japanese who will have to quit their jobs are on Vancouver Island. Others operate out of lower mainland points and in the great Skeena River fisheries.

PRICE OF WHEAT IS CAUGHT FROM AIR BY FARMERS ON PRAIRIES

That farmers on the prairies almost all have radio receivers and that they get daily quotations of the price of wheat by the air route was stated by two farmers who were here this week and who were much interested in the grain business.

The farmers also listen to daily news bulletins, concert, and stock information and keep posted on all matters of interest to them and to the world generally.

REGINALD DENNY IS SAFE AFTER STORM

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 5.—Reginald Denny and three companions whom it was feared were lost in the storm on Wednesday night, are safe at Ensenada, Mexico.

Dr. R. G. Large of Hazelton arrived in the city today and will remain in the city until tomorrow evening.

BODY FOUND ACROSS HARBOR

Fisherman Discovered it on Beach Near McNicholl Creek Yesterday Afternoon

Ed. Torkelson, fisherman, notified the city police station about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon that he had discovered the body of a man across the harbor on the beach behind the small island that lies near the mouth of McNicholl Creek. The provincial police proceeded to the scene to investigate and this morning brought the body to the city.

Up till early this afternoon, identification had not been established as nobody had been reported missing from the city and the clothes at that time had not been searched for documents.

The face is unrecognizable and the body is partially decomposed, having apparently been exposed and dead for the past month. The man was about 6 feet in height and, as far as the police can judge, about 50 years of age. The clothes consisted of a dark grey serge suit and black boots.

The body had apparently been washed up by a high tide at the point where it was found.

CANADA MAY WITHDRAW FROM PACIFIC CABLE

Has Notified Board That She Will do so if Duplication of Line Persisted in

OTTAWA, Feb. 5.—Charles Murphy, postmaster general, notified the Pacific Cable Board that he will recommend withdrawal from partnership with the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand, under which the Pacific cable was constructed, if the board persists in the duplication of the Pacific cable from Fiji to Canada.

BRITISH COLUMBIAN SURVEYORS ARE CHOSEN

OTTAWA, Feb. 5.—R. W. Haggren of Quesnel and H. E. Whyte of Victoria have been elected councilors of the Dominion Association of Land Surveyors, who are in conference here.

VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

	Bid.	Asked
Wheat	1.64 1/2	
C. P. R.	158.00	
B.C. Silver	1.64	1.67
Dunwell	1.38	1.46
Gladstone	.35	.37
L. & L.	.14 1/2	.15 1/2
Premier	2.21	2.30
Porter Idaho	.09 1/2	.10 1/2
Surverest	.10 1/2	.13
Silver Inlet	.08	.09 1/2

Cost Million Dollars to Clear Streets in New York of Snow; Transportation was Paralyzed

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Northeastern New York state was struggling today to dig itself out of the most severe snowstorm of the winter, which was the direct cause of 32 deaths in various parts of the Eastern States.

As a result of the storm and cold five persons died in New York City through exposure and 20,000 men are employed trying to keep the main streets of the city open at a cost of a million dollars.

The air mail train service and shipping in the regions affected have been paralyzed. Boston was hit hard.

Will be Better Mines Than Premier in Stewart District Declares Rolston in Address

There are three or four properties at least in the Portland Canal district that give promise in the near future of being as good as the famous Premier mine if not better, declared H. W. M. Rolston, editor of the Portland Canal News and stock broker of Stewart, B.C., and Vancouver, in addressing the Rotary Club yesterday afternoon. "I prophesy the time when the Premier will not be the major operation in the district," Mr. Rolston continued. "I refer particularly to the Dunwell, the B.C. Silver and the Big Missouri, the first being developed by British Columbia and the second by British Columbia and the Big Missouri by American money."

During the winter Mr. Rolston said, eighteen properties had been operating in addition to the Premier. The Dunwell was about to install a hundred ton mill only four and a half miles from Stewart. Last year there were under active development 45 properties, and these were not in any particular section but all over the district. All were immediately at the door of Prince Rupert.

Mr. Rolston referred to the wonderful advancement that had been made all over the province in the past twenty years. Let them look forward twenty years and the possibilities were enormous. Were we not justified in being optimistic? The Portland Canal district was only a small portion of what the world will some day know as one of the greatest mineral belts on the continent. The eastern mineral contact had only been scratched at a few places as yet. Around Stewart they had a district running 20 miles up the Bear River, 20 miles up the Salmon and 20 miles down Portland Canal that was tributary to Stewart. While the Premier had produced a large amount of mineral other mines he felt sure would yet produce more.

"The greatest difficulty we find," said Mr. Rolston, "is to combat the scepticism of the world. We have developed the district so far with practically no help from the outside. We have had to do our own boasting but I am glad to say that today the work is bearing fruit."

Rupert's Back Door

Mr. Rolston said the mineral producing district of which he had been speaking was at the back door of Prince Rupert. He had talked to mining engineers from all over the world and the vision they gave of the future was that people in the district would be mining and finding mines for the next fifty or one hundred years. Besides his particular district there were great possibilities at Alice Arm, on the Stikine, in the Unuk district and in the numerous other valleys. What was needed to succeed was transportation, faith and perseverance.

Committee to be Appointed Today to Find Out About Alleged Smuggling

AMUNDSEN'S MAUD GOES TO VANCOUVER

SEATTLE, Feb. 5.—Sold to the Hudson's Bay Co. in liquidation of the debts of Raold Amundsen, the famous exploration ship Maud left here late yesterday for Vancouver in tow of the Winona.

BACK UP STEWART

Mr. Rolston then urged that Prince Rupert people should back up Stewart in the effort to secure the connecting up of the trail from that place to Telegraph Creek so that people might come out by way of Portland Canal instead of by Atlin in the winter. It would be necessary to cut only 25 miles of new trail and repair the old trail on the other part. By connecting it the business would come to a British Columbia port instead of to an Alaskan port. The future of Stewart was the future of Prince Rupert. One could not prosper without the other. If the fur trade was built up in Canadian ports it would help increase the prosperity of all. He had tried to impress on their member, Bert Kergin, the desirability of trail building and Bert had done a lot of good work for the district. One way they could work for the mutual benefit of both places was to get that trail to Telegraph Creek built.

HIGH RECORD LOG SCALING

Official Returns Show 1925 Was Largest Yet Made in Province of B.C.

VICTORIA, Feb. 5.—While there was a reduction of more than 30,000,000 board feet of logs exported from British Columbia last year compared with 1924, the quantity of logs scaled in the province established a new high record, the figures being 2,614,266,527 feet compared with 2,549,700,000 board feet the previous year.

Grains in the cut were made in the Vancouver and Kamloops districts while Prince Rupert, in common with other districts in the province, showed a decrease, largely due to the closing down of the Massett Timber Company's plant and the reduction of operations at Swanson Bay.

INVESTIGATE STEVENS CHARGE

OTTAWA, Feb. 5.—A committee will be announced this afternoon to investigate the smuggling charges made by H. H. Stevens in the House of Commons. It is understood the personnel will be Hon. H. H. Stevens, Hon. R. B. Bennett, C. W. Bell, Conservatives; D. M. Kennedy, Progressive; J. C. Elliott of West Middlesex, B. L. Hatfield of Vancouver, Paul Mercier of St. Henry, and D. Donaghy of North Vancouver, Liberals.

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